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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Lora L. Tyson of Naperville, who passed away on September 1, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lora Tyson is a native of Iowa; she was one of four daughters whose father worked as a school superintendent in towns in Iowa and Minnesota; she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, where she also met her husband of 21 years and the father of her two sons, Rosendo F. Tyson Jr., who preceded her in death in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Dr. Lora Tyson worked for a few years as a teacher at a grade school in Itasca; she then moved with her husband and children in the late 1970s to Kentucky, where she earned a master's in education from the University of Louisville and a doctorate in education from the University of Kentucky; in 1999, she joined the faculty at North Central College, where she also served as chairman of the education department from 2005 to 2007; and

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WHEREAS, As chairman of North Central College's education department, Dr. Lora Tyson focused her energies on improving a section within the North Central College library known as the curriculum resource center; in honor of her work for the

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1 curriculum resource center, the center will be renamed the Lora  
2 Tyson Curriculum Library; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Lora Tyson was a member and served as an elder  
4 at the River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lora Tyson is survived by her sons, Ian and  
6 Brent; her mother, Esther Trail; her sisters, Ruth Anerino,  
7 Beth Hale, and Karin Trail-Johnson; and her granddaughter; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Lora Tyson will be remembered by all who knew  
9 and loved her as a kind and compassionate role model who  
10 believed that civility and empathy were not just words to live  
11 by, but words to teach; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 her family and friends, the passing of Dr. Lora L. Tyson; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Dr. Lora Tyson as an expression of  
18 our sympathy.